

Passage Outline:

V. 5-11 Jesus' response to the Temple's greatness

- **Not one stone left upon another**
- **The disciples' double-pronged question**
 - **When?**
 - **The signs forewarning?**
- **His further response:**
 - **Wars/insurrections/natural portents**

Vs. 12-19 But ... before these:

- **You (my disciples):**
 - **Persecution/arrest/prison/witnesses**
 - **Before rulers ... my Name**
 - **I will give you words**
 - **Betrayed**
 - **parents/siblings/kin/friends**
 - **Hated ... my Name**
 - **Gain your souls**

Vs. 20-24 When you see (signs?) Jerusalem surrounded

- **In Judea ... flee to mountains**
- **In city ... leave**
- **In country ... do not enter**
 - **If pregnant or nursing ...**
 - **Many will fall/taken captive**
 - **Jerusalem trampled**
 - **The Gentiles' "season"**

Vs. 25-28

Further (astral?) signs

- **Gentile (national) confusion**
 - **Roaring of seas and waves**
 - **Fear**
- **Then (they will see) the Son of Man**
- **Then you stand, raise your heads**
redemption draws near



Vs. 29-33

A parable

- **The fig tree ... summer is near**
- **The Kingdom is near**
- **This generation will not pass away**
- **My words will not pass away**

Vs. 34-36

A warning (you)

- **Do not be weighted**
- **Dissipation/drunkenness/worries**
- **Be alert/praying in order that ...**

Vs. 37-38

Every day ... and every night

Key words/ thoughts: sign (σημείον); **necessary** (δεῖ); **witness** (μαρτύριον); **name** (ὄνομα); **flee** (φεύγω); **be near/ near** (ἐγγίζω/ἐγγύς); **generation** (γενεά); **Jerusalem** (Ἱερουσαλήμ); **trap** (παγίς); **encircle** (κυκλόω); **gain** (κτάομαι); **redemption** (ἀπολύτρωσις); **kingdom** (βασιλεία); **desolation** (ἐρήμωσις);

Questions:

What questions were asked of Jesus? What compels us to ask such questions?

When you think/hear of “end times,” what images go through your mind? Why?

Is this passage of comfort to you? Why/ why not?

